

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 153

Introduced by Assembly Member Beall

May 7, 2012

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 153, as introduced, Beall. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of May 2012 as Arthritis Awareness Month in California.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Arthritis encompasses more than 100 diseases and
2 conditions that affect the joints, tissues surrounding the joints, and
3 other organs; and
4 WHEREAS, The most common forms of arthritis include
5 osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, gout, psoriatic
6 arthritis, and lupus; and
7 WHEREAS, Nearly 46 million American adults, including 5
8 million adults in California, have arthritis or live with the pain and
9 limitations of some form of the disease; and
10 WHEREAS, Arthritis is one of the most common chronic
11 childhood diseases and nearly 300,000 American children,
12 including 38,000 children in California, the highest of any state,
13 live with arthritis; and
14 WHEREAS, Arthritis is our nation's leading cause of disability
15 and a principal driver of health care costs; and

1 WHEREAS, Early diagnosis and appropriate management can
2 help people with arthritis decrease pain, improve function, stay
3 productive, and lower health care costs; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal government recognizes May as
5 Arthritis Awareness Month; and

6 WHEREAS, During Arthritis Awareness Month, we recognize
7 the efforts of advocacy groups, such as the Arthritis Foundation,
8 that sponsor public awareness activities and fund research to
9 improve treatments for the disease; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
12 May 2012 as Arthritis Awareness Month in California; and be it
13 further

14 *Resolved*, That Arthritis Awareness Month is an opportunity to
15 increase awareness and recognize the importance of seeking
16 appropriate treatment in order to minimize the disease's disabling
17 impact on daily lives; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.